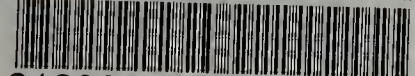


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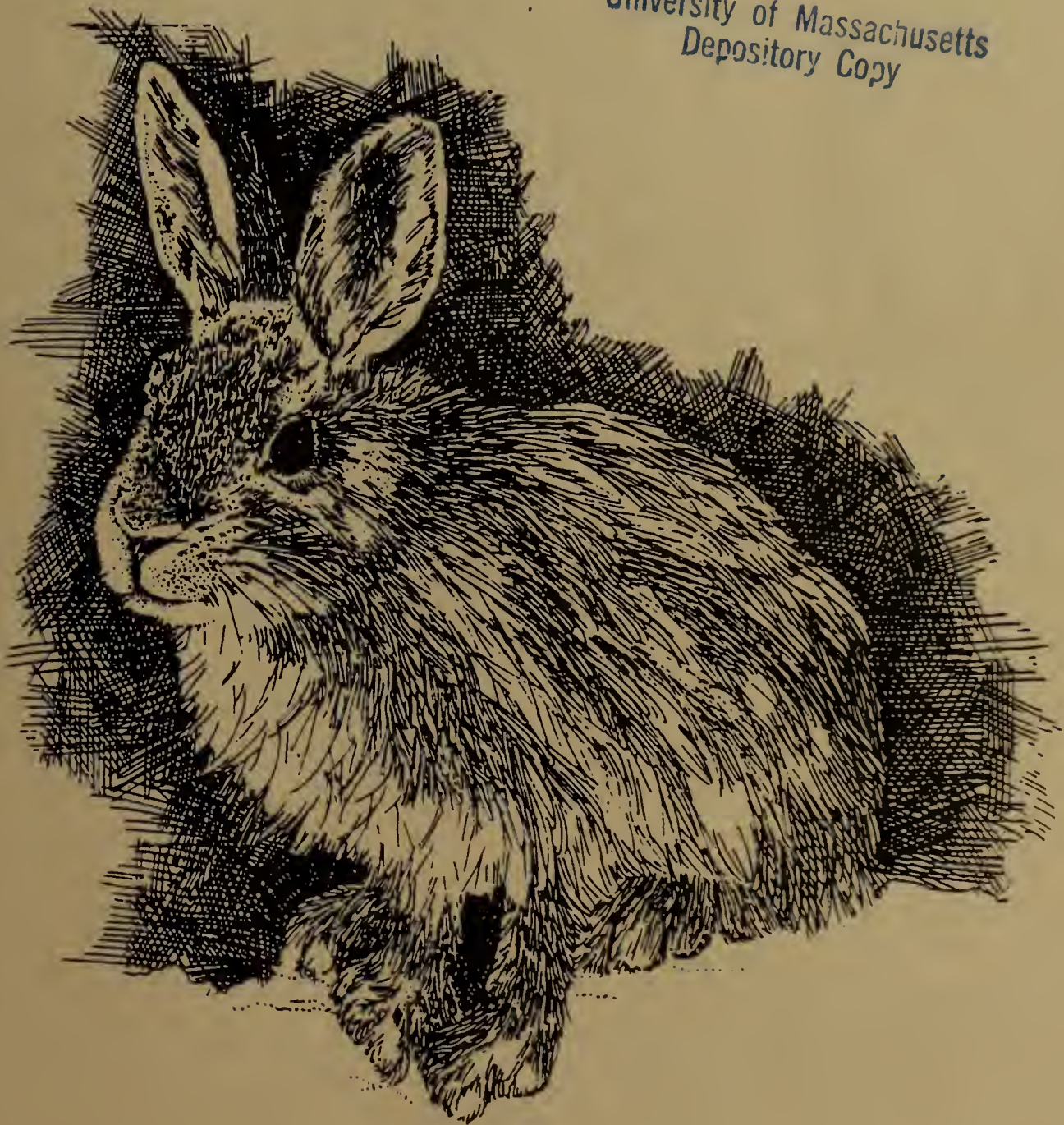


Massachusetts Wildlife Management Area Maps

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A Note About These Maps...

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is pleased to present a set of inexpensive maps that will allow anyone to locate, explore and enjoy the MDFW's wildlife management areas. Enclosed are maps of every wildlife management area in the regional district exceeding 100 acres in size. The maps have been hole-punched so that they can be snapped into any standard looseleaf binder for easy reference and safekeeping; and so that as new maps are created or updated (or as original ones get worn out under field use) they can be added (or replaced) at little cost. We considered many different options with regard to color, amount of detail, cost and size during the publication planning stage, and finally settled on reproducing sections of U.S. Geological Survey maps in black and white as the most accurate and inexpensive option. We then added area boundaries, access points, parking areas and other relevant information. The scale of selected maps had to be reduced, resulting in some loss of detail, but we hope that topography, access roads, borders, boundaries and other pertinent information is reasonably clear. We encourage wildlife management area visitors and sportsmen to do their own exploring, and to add further detail to these maps as they see fit.

The original U.S.G.S. maps (and a state index sheet) on which these maps are based are available from: U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia 22092. We highly recommend the U.S.G.S. maps for their superb clarity, accuracy and color, but in most cases they do not display the boundaries of wildlife management areas and related information of importance to the sportsman and casual visitor.

Wildlife Management Areas - encompassing some 58,000 acres at this writing - contain some of the finest examples of wildlife habitat in Massachusetts. Some are intensively managed with plantings, selective cuttings and annual stockings of game, while others are left virtually untouched. Some areas include the habitats of rare and endangered plants and animals. In all cases, management areas are permanently protected parcels of wildlife habitat, preserved so that wildlife will always have a place to live in Massachusetts. Combined with other protected lands, both public and private, wildlife management areas offer the best hope we have that wildlife will continue to thrive as development continues to transform the remaining rural countryside into an urban/suburban environment. Large islands of protected wildlife habitat, connected by travel corridors of protected habitat, will be required if we are to maintain the species diversity and abundance of wildlife the Bay State's residents currently enjoy.

Although some portions of the MDFW's 79 named wildlife management areas are the result of gifts, donations and state bond money purchases, the majority have been acquired through license fees paid by sportsmen. Sportsmen continue to fund the expansion of existing wildlife management areas and the purchase of new ones through the Wildlands Conservation Stamp Program, instituted through the efforts of the state's organized sportsmen in 1991. This program requires all hunters, fishermen and trappers to put \$5.00 toward land conservation each year they purchase a license (in addition to the standard license fees), and the program is currently generating nearly \$1.2 million annually - solely for the purchase of wildlife habitat! Members of the public and business community are also encouraged to make donations to this fund, as wildlife management areas are open for all to enjoy, and the wildlife benefits everyone.

All wildlife management areas are subject to certain regulations (see next page) and are open to hiking, fishing, hunting, birdwatching, trapping and jogging. Many are also open to horseback riding and biking, provided erosion caused by these activities does not present a problem.

We hope that the publication of this booklet will encourage people to visit, use and enjoy the natural wonders found on the MDFW's wildlife management areas. Thanks is due to personnel in the District Field Offices, Realty Section, Information & Education Section, and Wildlife Section of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, without whose efforts this publication would not have been possible. Special thanks goes to the sportsmen of Massachusetts, both past and present, whose farsightedness and untiring efforts on behalf of wildlife have - among many other benefits - resulted in the purchase and continual expansion of protected lands that will be forever preserved for wildlife.

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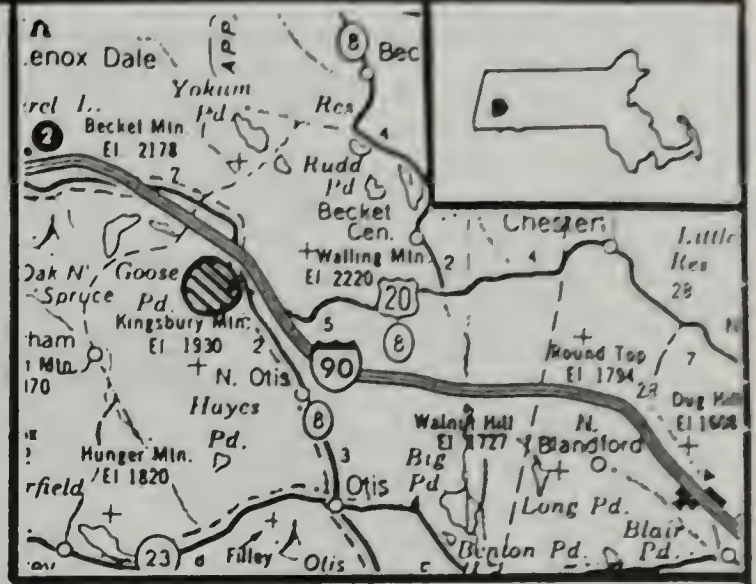
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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

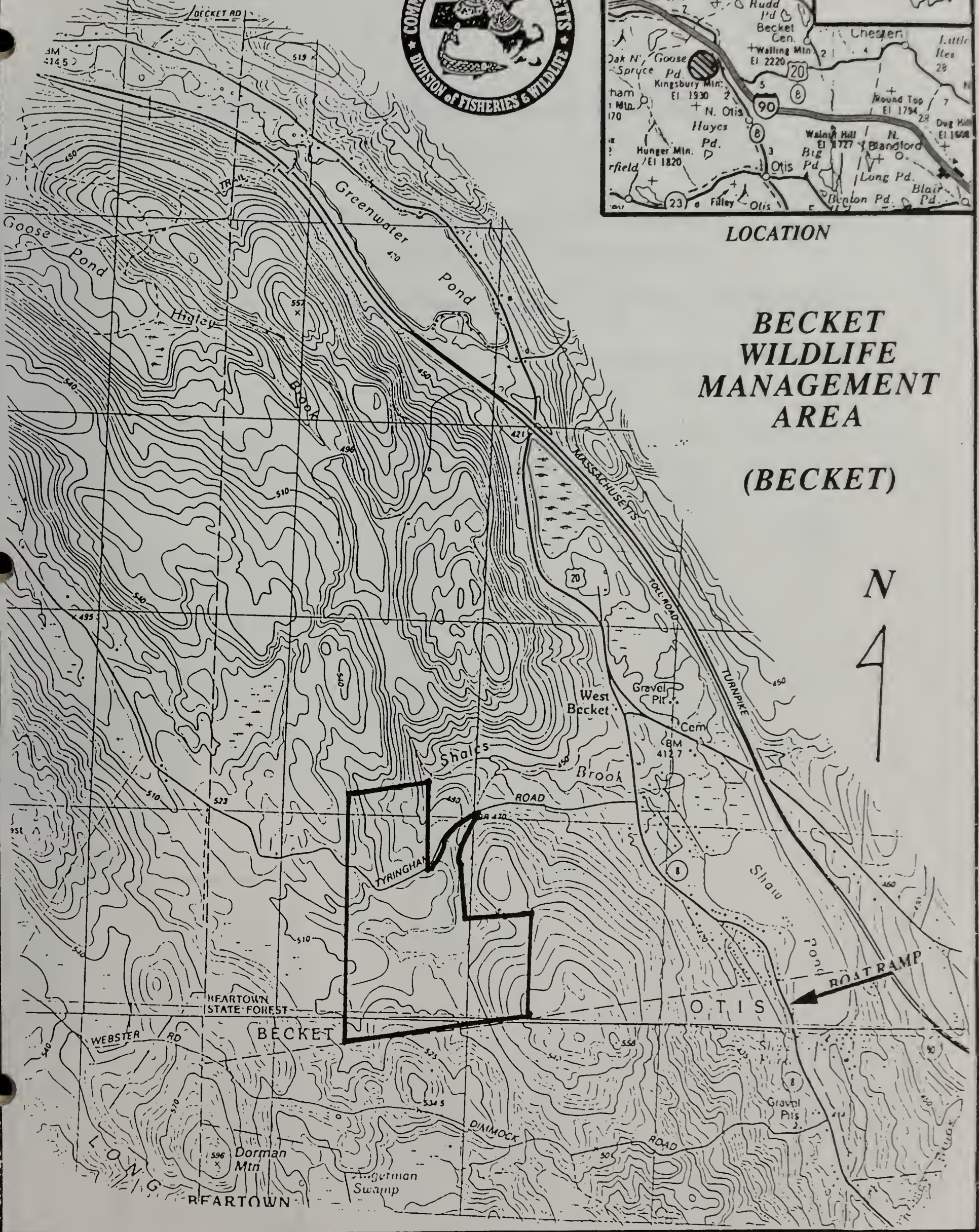
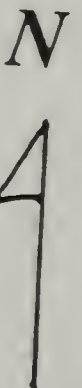
1. No person shall possess any alcoholic beverage except under permit or dump or discard any can, bottle or rubbish.
2. No person shall remove vegetation, soil or stones from any wildlife management area except under permit.
3. No person shall use excessive speed in driving a vehicle.
4. No person, unless under permit, shall drive or possess any vehicle except on roads or trails maintained for public traffic.
5. No person shall deface or molest any sign, building or equipment.
6. No person shall build or maintain a fire without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.
7. No person shall camp within any wildlife management area without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.
8. No person shall engage in target practicing without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or his designated agent.
9. No person shall use any weapon other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons between 9PM and 3AM only.
10. No person shall hunt on any wildlife management area where pheasant or quail are stocked, before sunrise or after sunset during the open season on pheasant or quail, Oct. 20 to Nov. 28, except for the hunting of raccoons between 9 PM and 3 AM.
11. No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on wildlife management areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night hunting for raccoons or while hunting from a blind or boat.
12. No person, except under permit, shall dig or disturb any artifact or archaeological remains.
13. The Director may make special regulations to handle special situations peculiar to any wildlife management area. Controlled hunts are in effect at certain times on Burns, Delaney and Ludlow WMA. Contact District Supervisor for details.

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BECKET WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (BECKET)



BECKET WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Becket)

SIZE: 243 acres of rolling terrain with gentle slopes. Elevations range from roughly 1,620 feet to 1,730 feet.

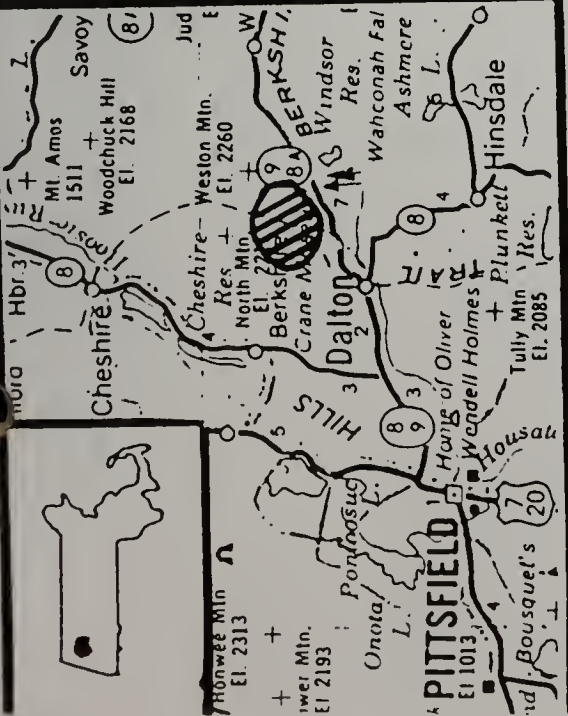
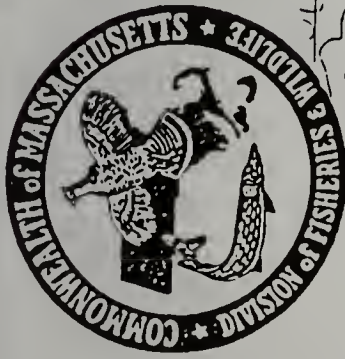
VEGETATION: Fully forested with mixed softwood and hardwood stands.

WATER: The only standing water is in the form of a beaver pond, which eventually drains into Shales Brook.

WILDLIFE: Deer, beaver, otter, raccoon, snowshoe hare, coyote, turkey, grouse, migratory waterfowl and numerous nongame species. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

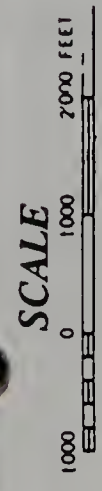
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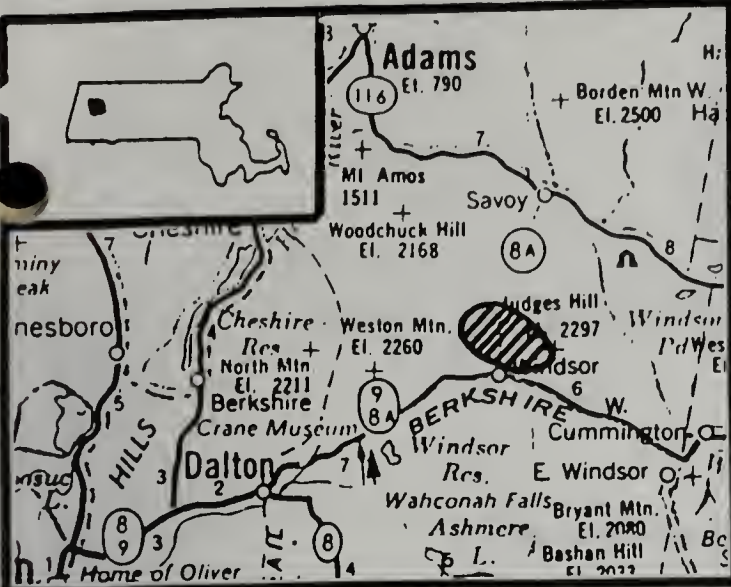
CHALET
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AREA
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WINDSOR)



CHALET WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Dalton/Windsor)

- SIZE:** 1,826 acres of mostly south-facing, moderately steep slopes on the summit of Weston Mountain. Elevations range from 1,580 feet to more than 2,230 feet on the summit of Weston Mountain.
- VEGETATION:** Forest dominated by mixed northern hardwoods, with a few small conifer stands.
- WATER:** Anthony Pond is the only standing water on the area. The only running water is Anthony Brook, fed by the pond, and a few seeps and intermittent streams.
- WILDLIFE:** Deer, bear, snowshoe hare, coyote, turkey, gray squirrel and numerous nongame species associated with this type of forest habitat. This area is not stocked with pheasant.
- SPECIAL
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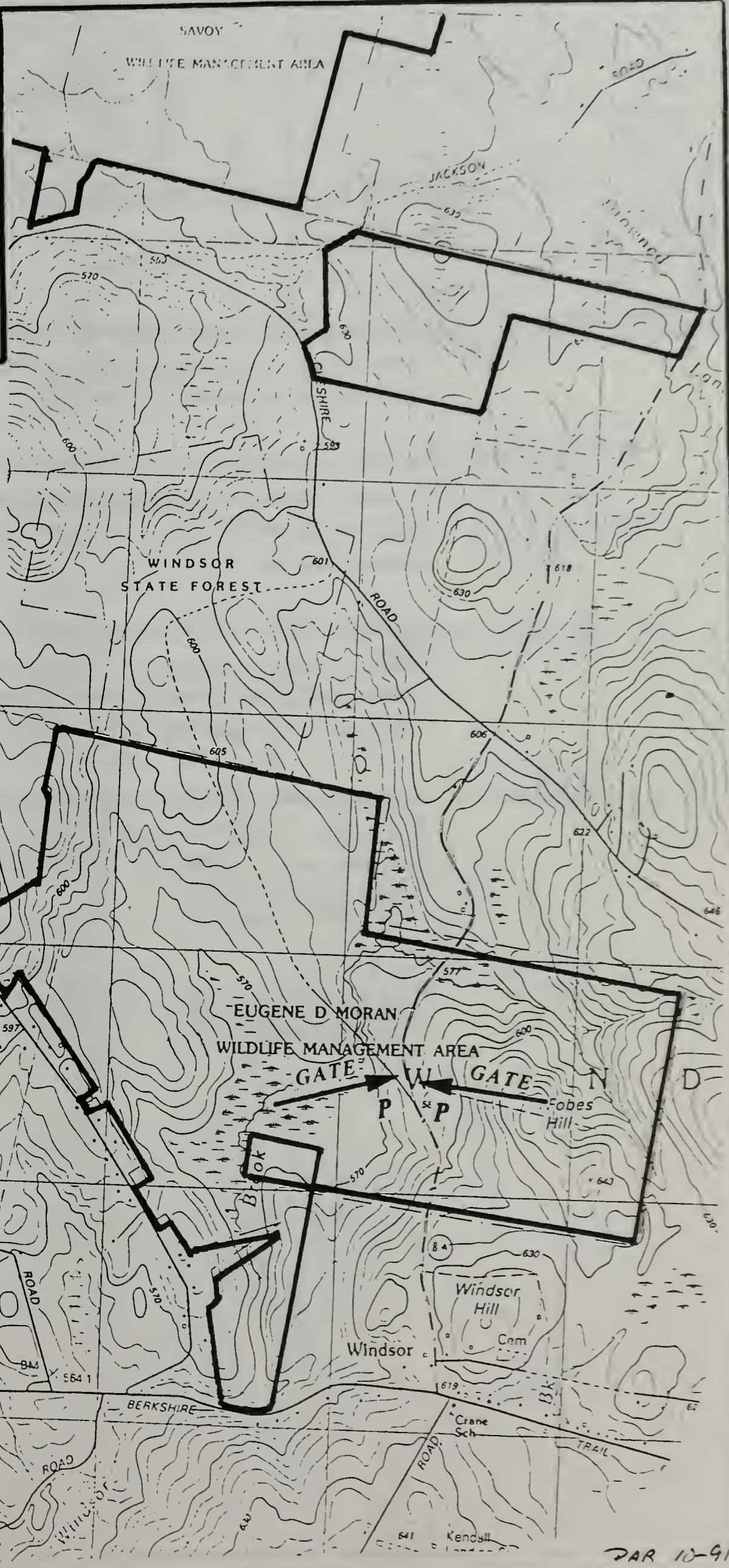
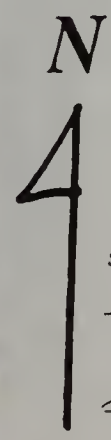
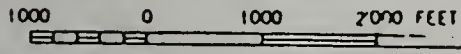


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**EUGENE D. MORAN
WILDLIFE
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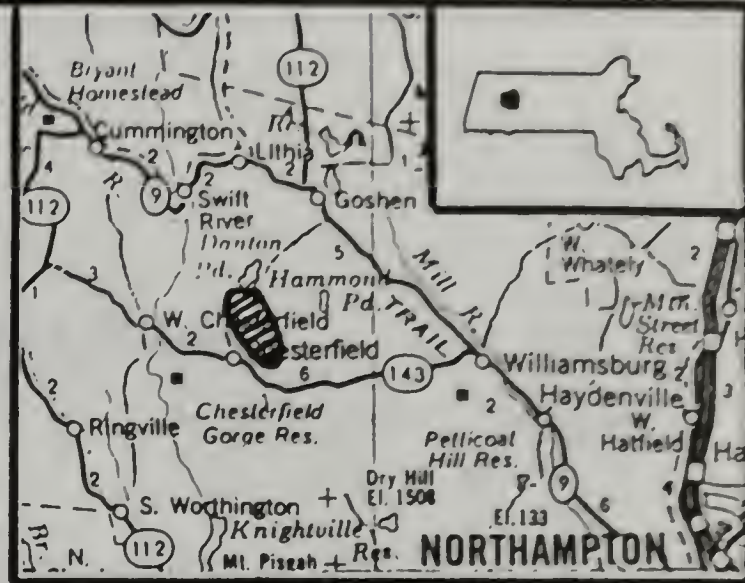
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EUGENE D. MORAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Windsor)

- SIZE:** 1,147 acres with gentle to moderate slopes and many nearly level sections. Elevations range from 1,750 feet to over 2,100 feet on the summit of Fobes Hill.
- VEGETATION:** Hayfields, pastureland, marshes, spruce stands, low-bush blueberry and mixed hardwood/softwood forest. The central portion of the area is open or semi-open and managed as pheasant habitat.
- WATER:** Bordered along much of its length by alder swamps and shallow marshes, a segment of Windsor Brook runs through the center of the area. Portions of this flowage are occasionally impounded by beaver activity.
- WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, deer, bear, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, aquatic furbearers, coyote, turkey and numerous nongame species. Research has documented 99 breeding bird species within this area.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.

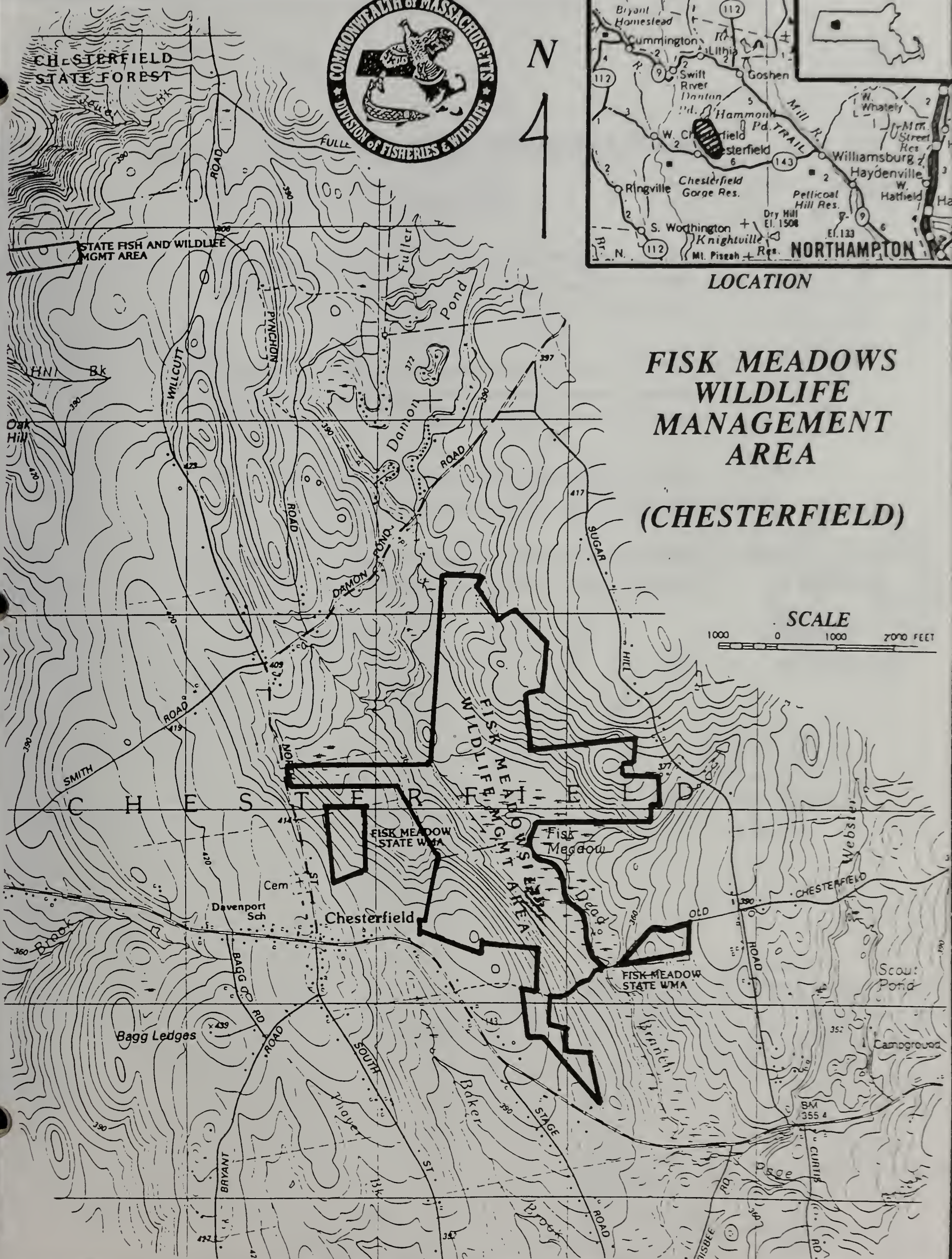


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FISK MEADOWS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (CHESTERFIELD)

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FISK MEADOWS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Chesterfield)

SIZE: 429 acres of hillsides flanking a valley of shallow marshland. Elevation ranges from 1,110 feet to over 1,360 feet. Slopes are gentle to moderate.

VEGETATION: The lowland areas are shallow marsh bordered by alders. The upland slopes are forested with mixed northern hardwoods interspersed with mixed softwoods.

WATER: The area is bisected north to south by the Dead Branch, which may support one or more beaver impoundments.

WILDLIFE: Deer, aquatic furbearers, migratory waterfowl and numerous nongame species. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

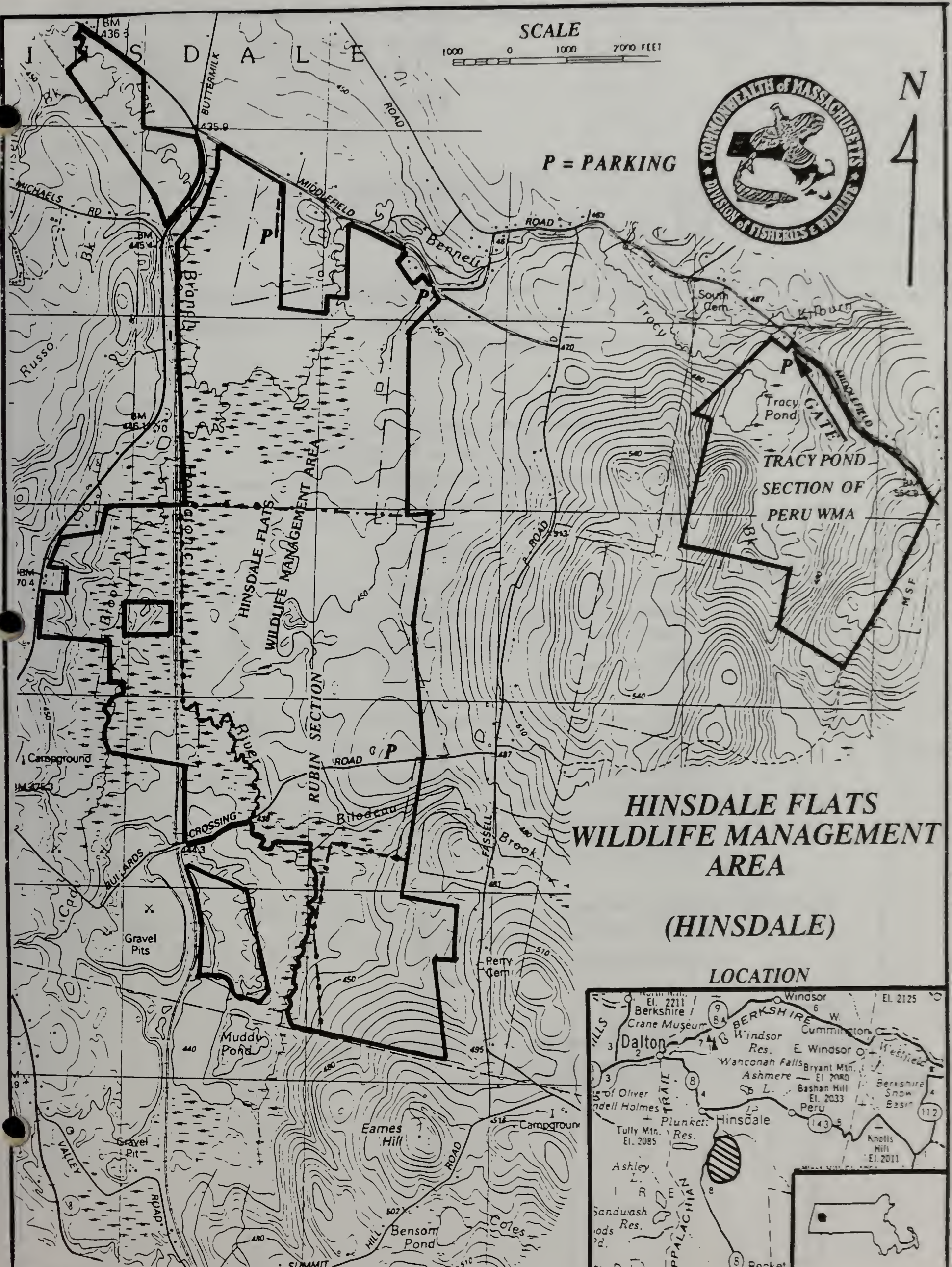
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REGS: None.

HANCOCK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Hancock)

- SIZE:** A long, relatively narrow parcel of 204 acres that lies east to west between Route 43 and the New York state line. With the exception of a two-step, almost level plateau section, this is an area of steep, hillside slopes with elevations ranging from 1,200 to 2,600 feet.
- VEGETATION:** This is a heavily wooded area, dominated by mature trees. The forest composition is mixed northern softwoods and hardwoods.
- WATER:** Two seasonally flowing brooks flow off the area into the West Branch of the Green River.
- WILDLIFE:** Deer, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, raccoon, bear and numerous nongame species associated with the forest habitat. This area is not stocked with pheasant.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** None.



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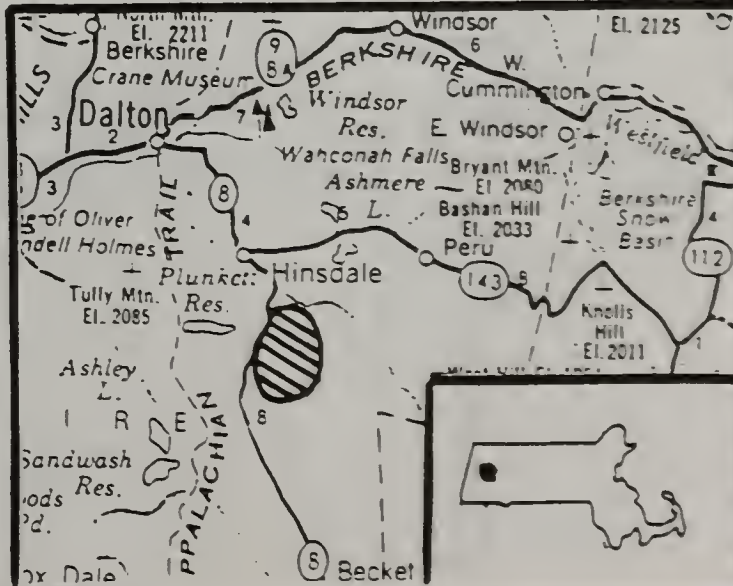
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HINSDALE FLATS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(HINSDALE)

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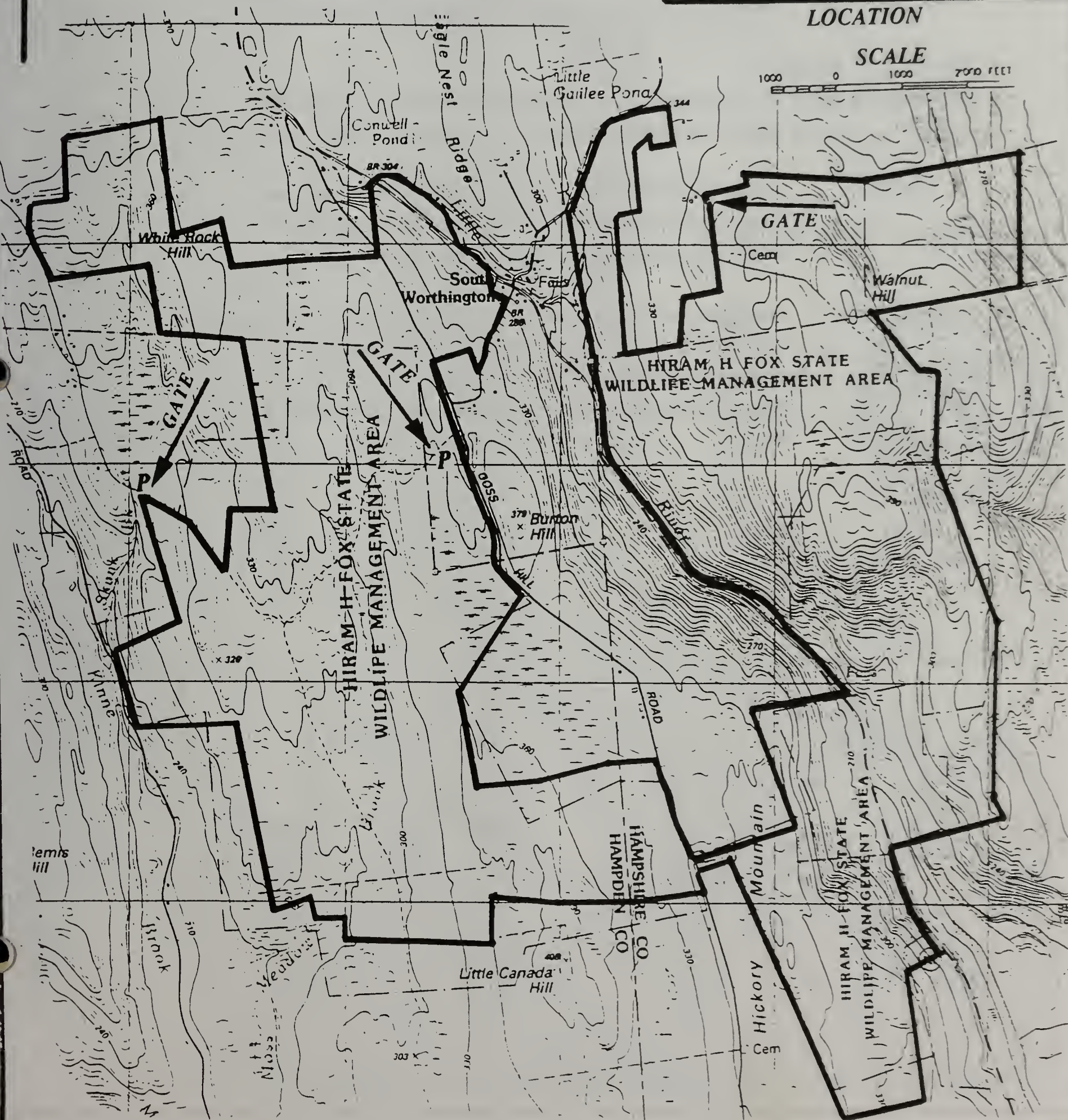


HINSDALE FLATS

(Hinsdale)

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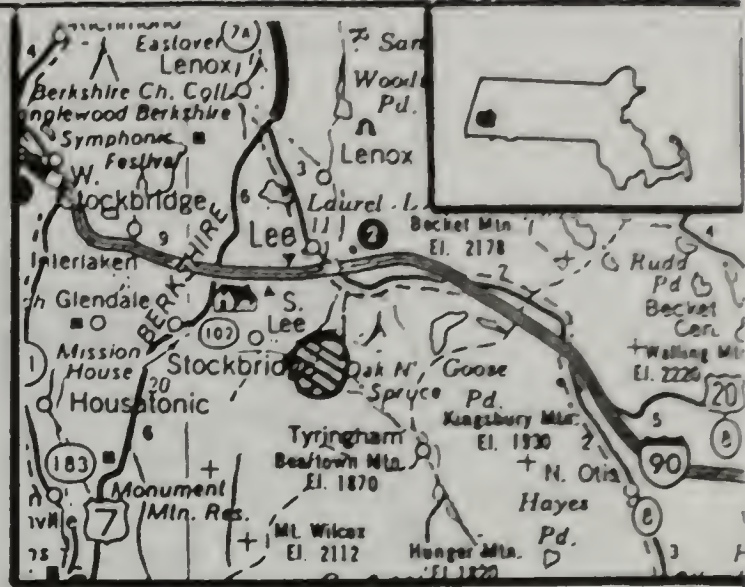
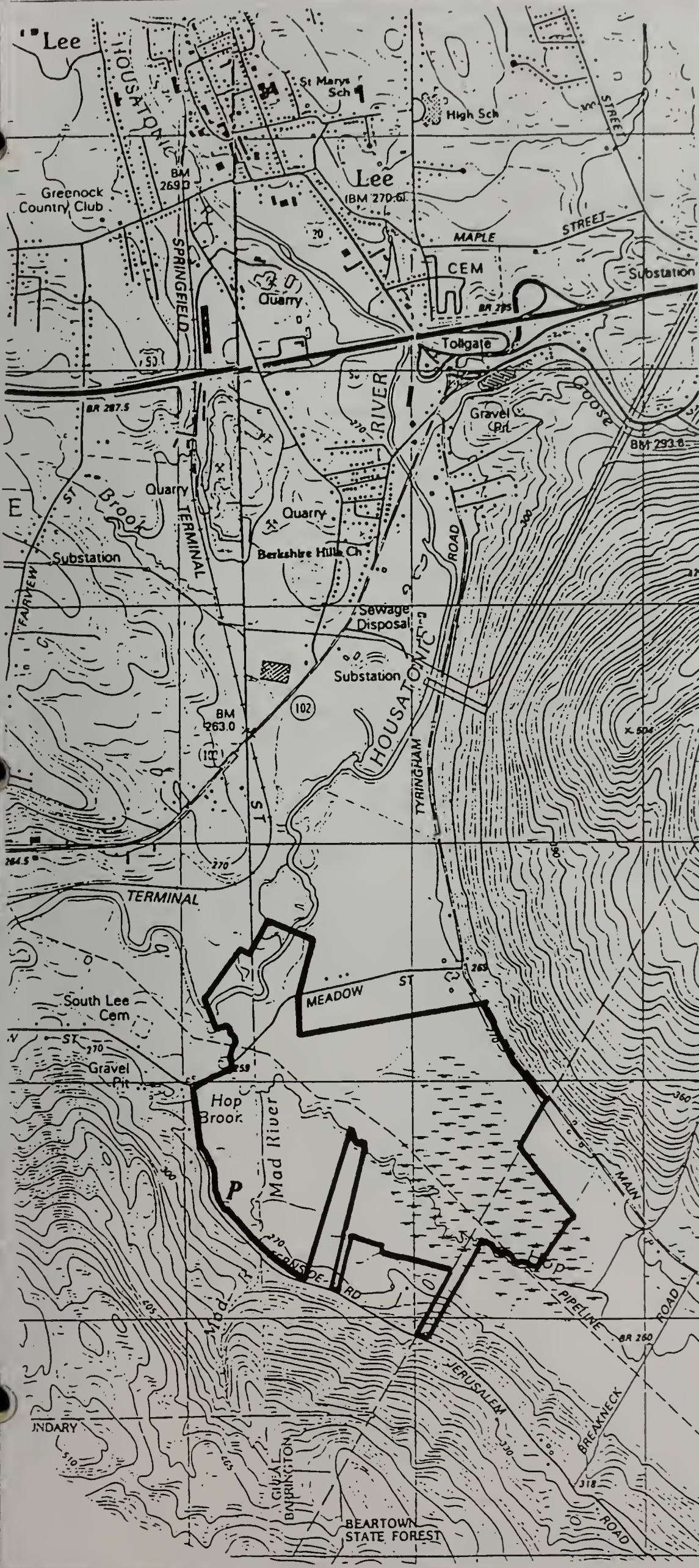
- SIZE:** 1,388 acres in three parcels along the East Branch of the Housatonic River. Most of the area is nearly level, river valley bottomland, although there are some moderate slopes in the southern corner. Elevations range from 1,420 feet to 1,470 feet.
- VEGETATION:** Most of the area is seasonally flooded bottomland dominated by grasses and shrubs. The upland areas are dominated by mixed stands of hardwoods and softwoods interspersed with some abandoned fields.
- WATER:** A large section of the East Branch of the Housatonic River, a stocked trout water, falls within or borders the area. Bilodeau Brook, Cady Brook and Bennet Brook - all tributaries of the Housatonic containing either native or stocked trout - also have sections which fall within the area's boundaries. There is also a small, artificial pond.
- WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, woodcock, grouse, waterfowl, raccoon, bear, snowshoe hare, aquatic furbearers and numerous nongame species.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.



HIRAM H. FOX WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Chester/Chesterfield/Huntington/Worthington)

- SIZE:** Two large, connected parcels of rolling hills with some steep ledges and gullies totalling 2,553 acres. Elevation ranges from 700 to 1,200 feet.
- VEGETATION:** Mixed hardwood and softwood forest with some scattered, recently established clearcuts 1 to 5.5 acres in size.
- WATER:** A portion of Moss Meadow Brook and its headwaters are located in the western parcel. The Little River, a stocked trout water, borders and bisects the eastern parcel.
- WILDLIFE:** Deer, grouse, raccoon, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, bear and numerous nongame species associated with the forest habitat. Biodiversity is expected to increase due to the recently created openings in the forest. Pheasant are **not** stocked in this area.
- SPECIAL REGS:** None.



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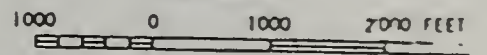
HOP BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(LEE, TYRINGHAM)



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HOP BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Lee/Tyringham)

SIZE: 415 acres of flat, valley bottomland.

VEGETATION: Most of the habitat is seasonally-flooded meadowland with attendant alder and willow shrub swamps. The northwestern portion of the area supports a seasonally flooded wooded swamp along the Housatonic River floodplain.

WATER: Segments of Hop Brook, the Mad River and the Housatonic River are located within the area. Hop Brook is a stocked trout water.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, aquatic furbearers, raccoon, woodcock, waterfowl, deer, coyote and numerous nongame species.

SPECIAL

REGS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.

JOHN J. KELLY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Chester)

SIZE: An L-shaped parcel of 267 acres located on the slope of Round Top Hill. The southeastern boundary is located on Round Hill Road, while the northwestern boundary is on Walker Brook. Although there are some nearly level plateaus, most of the area is steeply sloping hillside.

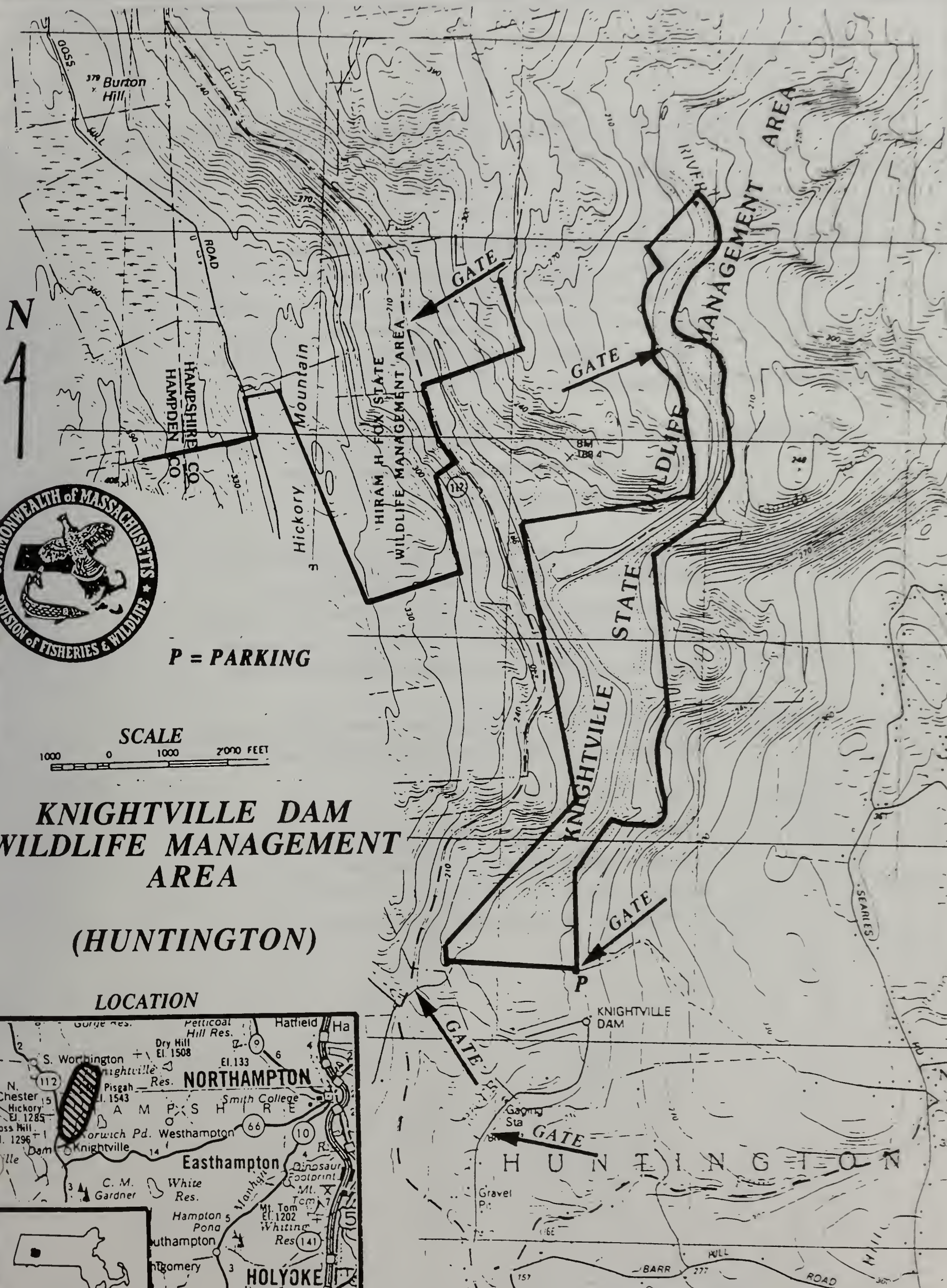
VEGETATION: Thickly wooded in mixed hardwood forest.

WATER: The seasonally flowing Blair Brook bisects the southern end of the area. Walker Brook, located on the northern boundary of the area, is a stocked trout water.

WILDLIFE: Deer, gray squirrel, raccoon, coyote and numerous nongame species associated with the forest habitat. This area is **not** stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL

REGS: No entry is allowed into the abandoned mines on this property without a permit from the MDFW's Western Wildlife District Office.



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KNIGHTVILLE DAM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (HUNTINGTON)

LOCATION



KNIGHTVILLE DAM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Huntington)

SIZE: Part of a flood control project, this 296-acre parcel of flat floodplain and steep valley walls is managed by the M.D.F.W. through a cooperative lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A dry bed reservoir on the Westfield River, it is located just south of the Hiram H. Fox Wildlife Management Area.

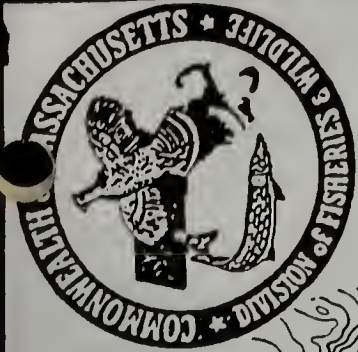
VEGETATION: Grassy and brushy on the seasonally flooded plain. Portions of the land above the floodplain are forested in mature hardwoods and softwoods.

WATER: A long section of the Westfield River, a short section of the Little River and portions of Florida Brook and other tributaries are located within the area. The Little River and the Westfield River are stocked trout waters. The area may be partially submerged by seasonal flood control activities.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, woodcock, grouse, cottontail rabbit, gray squirrel, raccoon, deer and numerous nongame species.

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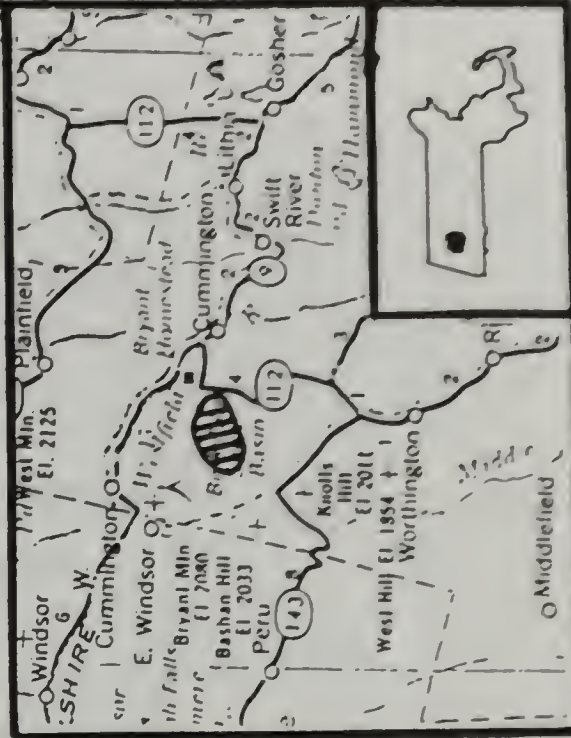
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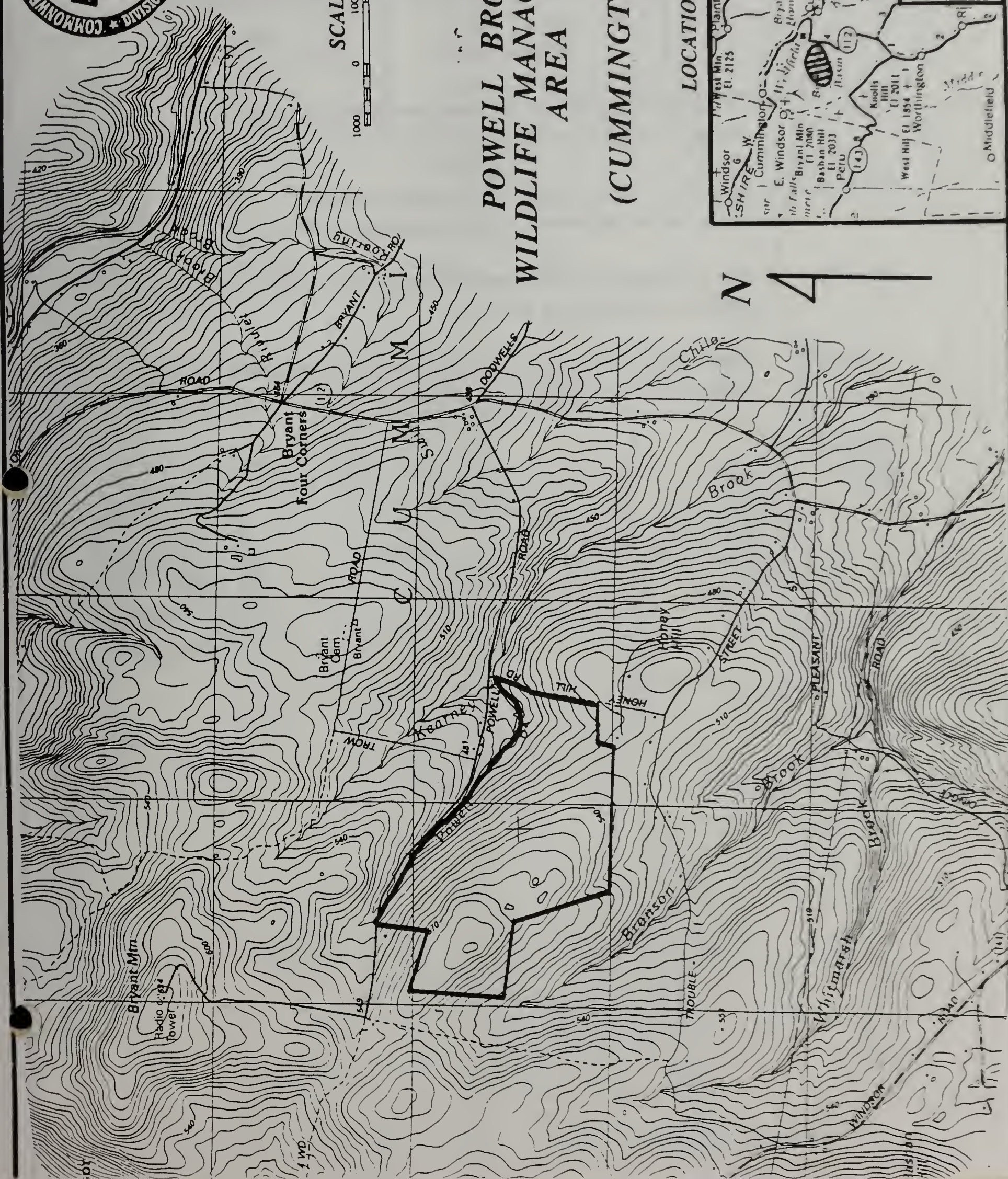
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POWELL BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (CUMMINGTON)

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POWELL BROOK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cummington)

SIZE: 196 acres of moderately steep, mostly northeast facing slope.
Elevation ranges from 1,510 to 1,930 feet.

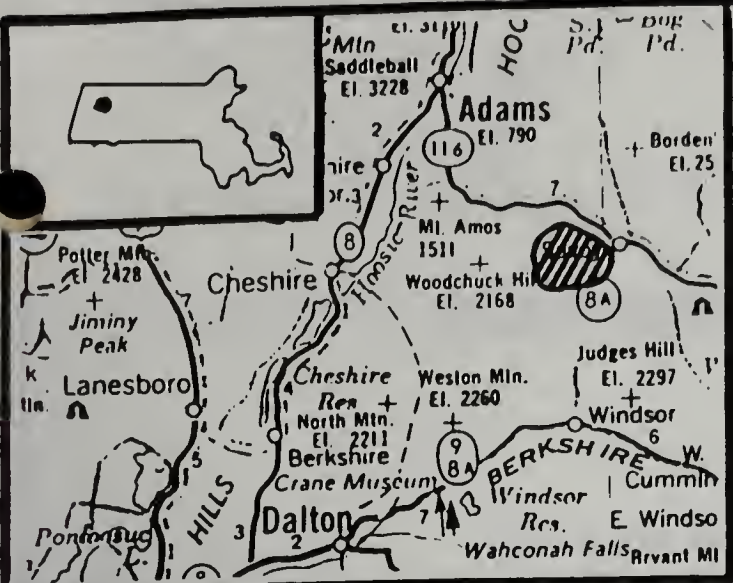
VEGETATION: Most of the area is forested with a mixture of northern hardwoods and softwoods in various stages of maturity.

WATER: Powell Brook, a cold water stream, forms much of the northern boundary of the area.

WILDLIFE: Deer, turkey, raccoon, bear, coyote and numerous nongame species. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL

REGS: None.



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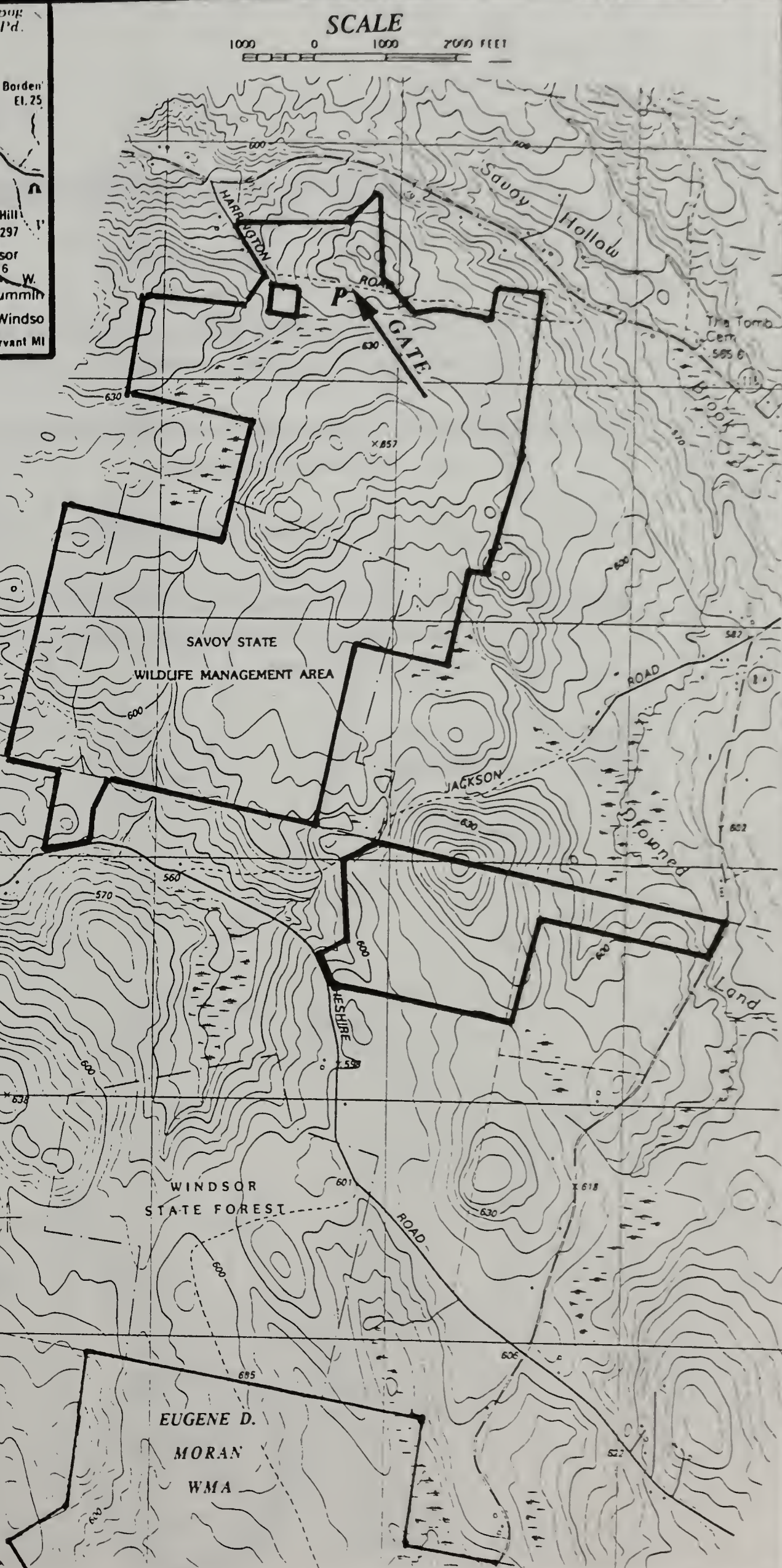
SAVOY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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SAVOY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

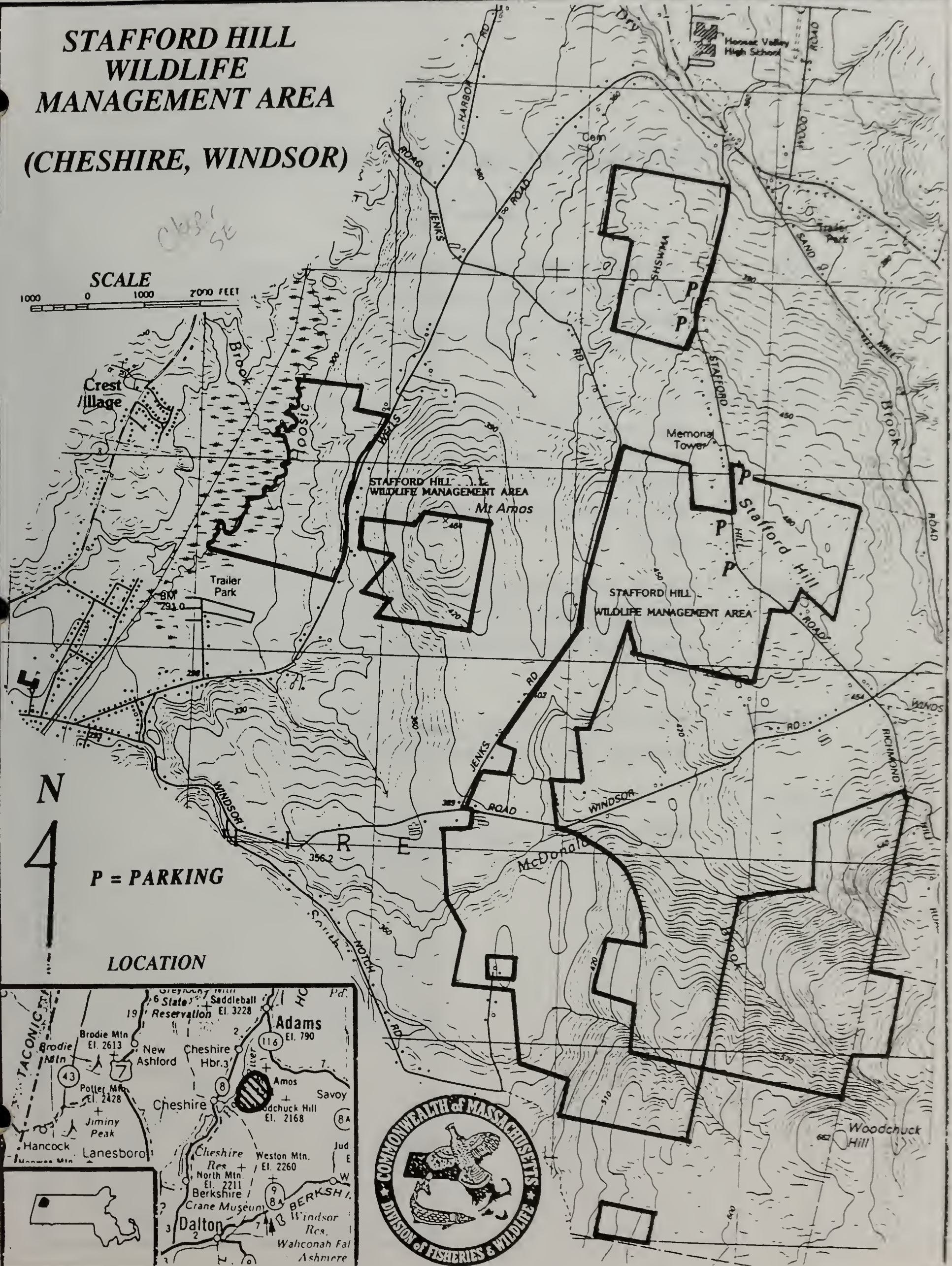
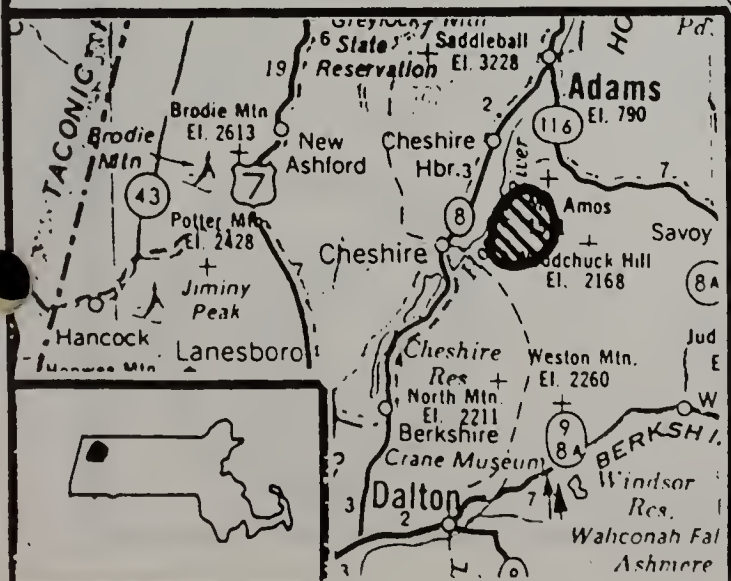
(Savoy/Windsor)

- SIZE:** 1,079 acres of rolling hilltops in two parcels with gentle to moderate slopes. Elevation ranges from 1,820 to 2,156 feet.
- VEGETATION:** Primarily mixed northern hardwood forest interspersed with small, scattered conifer stands.
- WATER:** There are some small, elevated, mostly wooded wetlands.
- WILDLIFE:** Deer, turkey, grouse, bear, coyote, fox and numerous nongame species associated with the forest habitat. Pheasant are not stocked on this area.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** None.

STAFFORD HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (CHESHIRE, WINDSOR)

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STAFFORD HILL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Cheshire/Windsor)

- SIZE:** Six parcels of mostly sloping hillside totalling 1,224 acres. Slopes vary from gentle to steep, but there are some nearly flat hilltop areas, as well as a parcel of river bottomland. Elevation ranges from 950 to 1,930 feet.
- VEGETATION:** Much of the area is old pastureland, now planted with rows or small stands of fruit-bearing shrubs. There is agricultural activity on portions of some parcels. A mixed northern hardwood and softwood forest covers much of the upland areas, but there are some steeply sloping fields on some parcels.
- WATER:** The South Branch of the Hoosic River, a stocked trout water, borders the western parcel. McDonald Brook and other small, cold water streams are found in the southern portions of the area.
- WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, cottontail rabbit, deer, waterfowl, woodcock, turkey, coyote and numerous nongame species.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season.



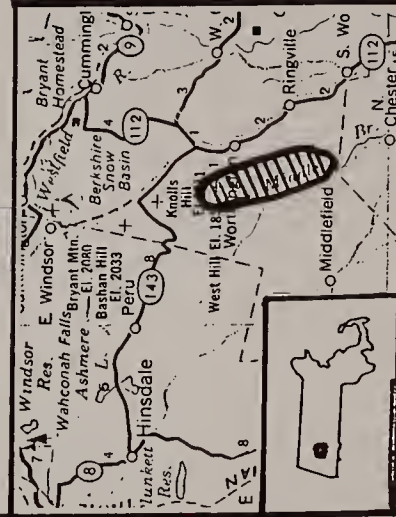
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FOX DEN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WORTHINGTON, MIDDLEFIELD)

LOCATION



FOX DEN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Worthington/Middlefield)

SIZE: Three parcels totalling 1,599 acres. Most of the area is in the form of steep to moderate, west-facing slopes rising from the east bank of the Middle Branch of the Westfield River. Elevations range from 800 to 1,500 feet.

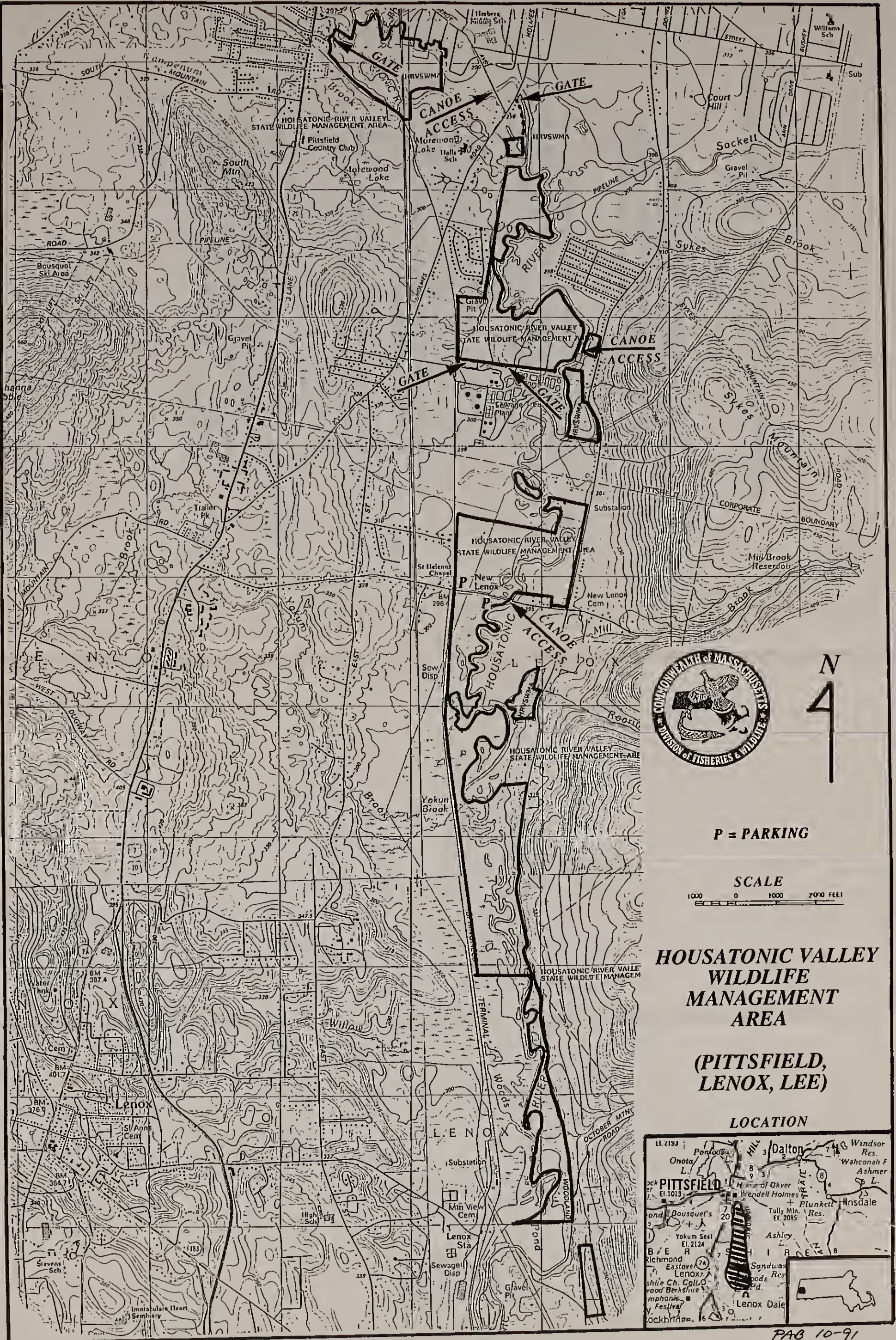
VEGETATION: This area is fully wooded, primarily in mature stands of mixed softwoods and hardwoods. Some of the hardwood stands have been cut in the recent past.

WATER: The Middle Branch of the Westfield River forms much of the western boundary of the area, and it is a stocked trout water. Four small, tributary brooks flow off the hillsides into the river.

WILDLIFE: Deer, raccoon, gray squirrel, snowshoe hare, bear, coyote, turkey and numerous nongame species associated with the forest habitat. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

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REGS: None.



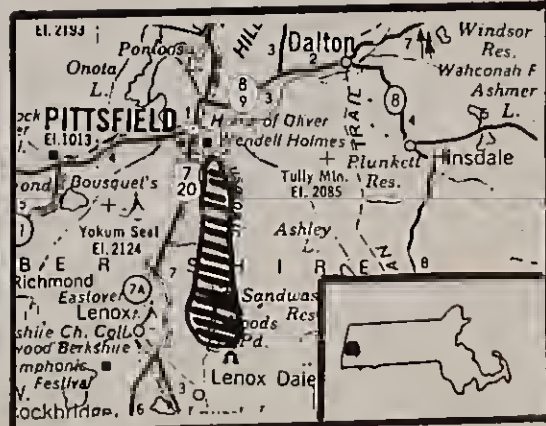
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HOUSATONIC VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(PITTSFIELD, LENOX, LEE)

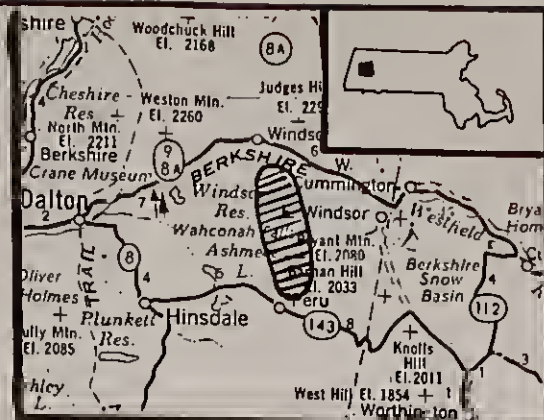
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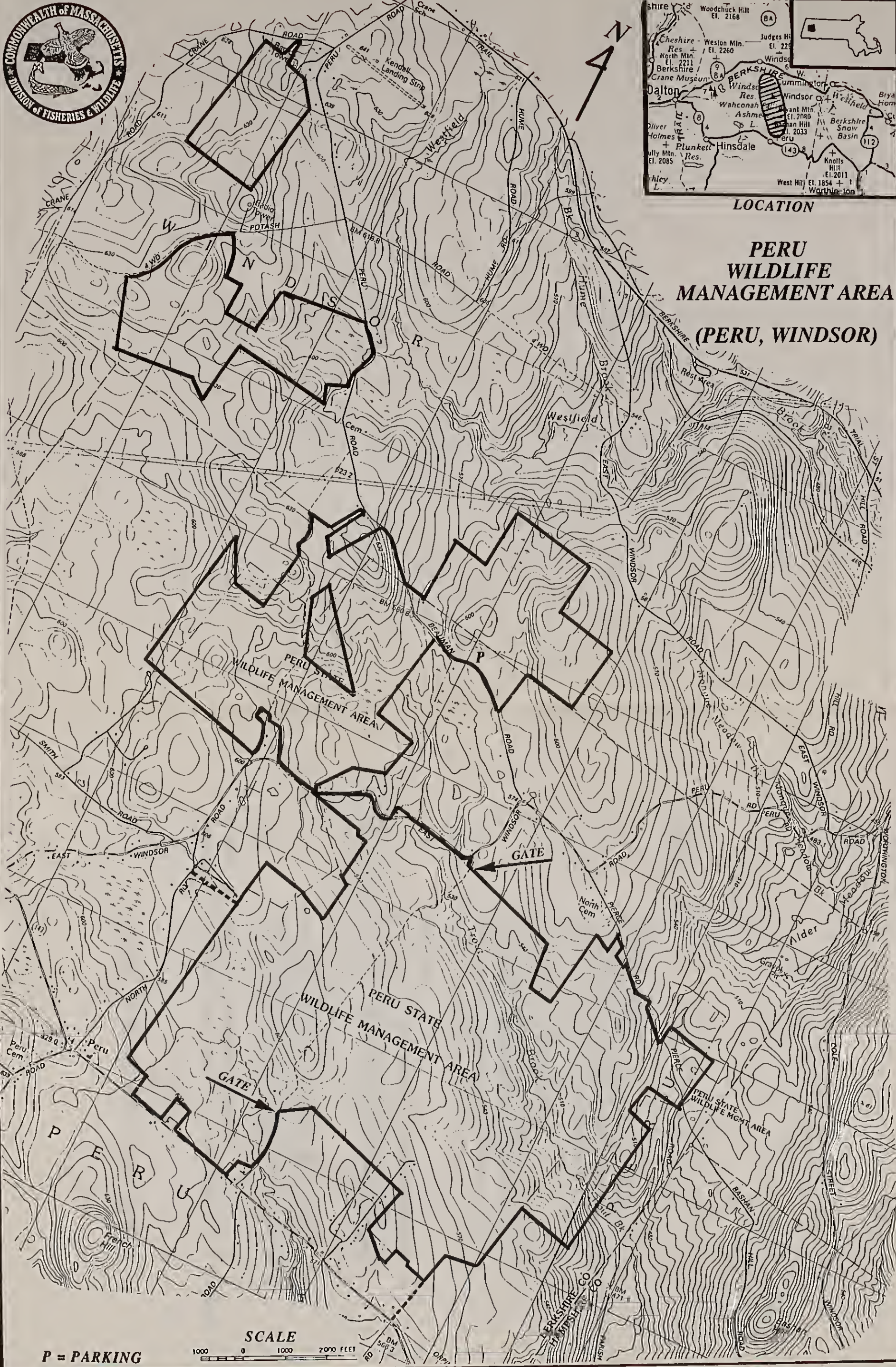
(Pittsfield/Lenox/Lee)

- SIZE:** This relatively narrow, elongated area is comprised of several parcels totalling 818 acres of flat, floodplain habitat. Most portions of the area border or contain various segments of the Housatonic River, and elevation varies no more than approximately 50 feet.
- VEGETATION:** The area supports seasonally flooded wooded swamps, shrub swamps, deep open marshes and shallow open marshes. There are also a number of abandoned fields which are being invaded to various degrees by woody shrubs.
- WATER:** The Housatonic River flows through the area from north to south. There are a number of oxbow ponds and backwaters, including Woods Pond at the southern end of the area. There are also segments of several tributary streams, including Yokun Brook, a stocked trout water.
- WILDLIFE:** Stocked pheasant, waterfowl, aquatic furbearers, woodcock, deer, and numerous nongame species associated with the lowland habitat.
- SPECIAL
REGS:** Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during the pheasant season. Anglers should note that, due to possible PCB contamination, a Public Health Advisory has been issued on the consumption of fish from this portion of the Housatonic River.



LOCATION

PERU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (PERU, WINDSOR)



P = PARKING



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PERU WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(Peru/Windsor)

Note: Due to the sprawling size of this management area, the Tracy Pond parcel appears on the Hinsdale Flats Wildlife Management Area map.

SIZE: Five parcels of rolling, hilly terrain totalling 3,352 acres. Slopes are gentle to moderate and support a number of elevated swamplands and small streams. Elevation ranges from 1,540 to 2,150 feet.

VEGETATION: The area is fully wooded with poor grade northern hardwood and softwood stands. The forest habitat is interspersed with small shrub swamps, flooded meadows and some old beaver impoundments.

WATER: Portions of Tracy Brook, Trout Brook and at least one other small stream are located within the area. Aside from a few small beaver impoundments, the only standing water is Tracy Pond (see the Hinsdale Flats Wildlife Management Area map). Trout Brook is a stocked trout water.

WILDLIFE: Snowshoe hare, raccoon, fox, coyote, deer, bear, grouse, woodcock and numerous nongame species associated with the forest and swamp and stream habitats. This area is not stocked with pheasant.

SPECIAL

REGS: None.

